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1. In 1945 a special organization was formed in Dresden within the framework of the Landeskriminalamt (Land Criminal Police Office) of Land Saxony. The new organization was given the secret designation "Zentrale II", and was originally assigned the mission of handling "political cases", separately from the criminal police but in close collaboration with the occupation authorities. At first, the cases principally involved members of the NSDAP and subsidiary organizations.
2. Even in 1945, personnel for "Zentrale II" were chosen on the basis of strict requirements: stress was not laid on technical criminological training, but on political reliability, and it was found that all members had to be, first of all, KPD members. Some of the personnel were former concentration camp inmates; others were members of the Freies Deutschland Committee. Special training was given the personnel selected for "Zentrale II", and branch offices were opened in the Kriminalämter at Dresden, Leipzig, Chemnitz, Zwickau, and Bautzen.
3. It is claimed that this organization is still in existence within the framework of the Land Saxony Criminal Police. After numerous changes of designation, it is now called "Kommissariat V". On the organizational chart of the Saxony police, it appears listed as "Allgemeine kriminelle Delikte und Aufträge der Besatzungsmacht" (general criminal offenses and assignments from the occupation authorities).
4. The present "Kommissariat V" works, as before, in closest liaison with the local occupation authorities. Liaison personnel are in attendance with the equivalent Russian political police, and some of these maintain permanent offices in local SIA headquarters. Once a week, the chief of a Kriminalamt has to make a personal report to the Russian officer in charge of internal political affairs.
5. Activity today is not confined to cases involving the prosecution of Nazis. There are now a considerable number of cases of "neo-political" incidents, which are all thoroughly investigated. These investigations are not carried out by the regular police, or by the occupation authorities, but by members of "Kommissariat V".

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